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Kenedy Texas Emergency Response
7/4/2018

On 7/4/2018 EPA START continued air monitoring operations at the evacuated Country Village of Kenedy Apartments and Kenedy Suites Apartments. There was one recorded elevated reading observed on EPA START equipment on 7/4/2018, however is coincided with the local fire department extinguishing one of the final remaining hotspots within the structure. There were no other abnormal or high readings observed for the day at the apartment complexes. The third and fourth underflow dams' installation was completed along the east side of the Newpark Drilling Fluids facility located off of US-181. The observation was also made that the soil excavation/remediation of the firewater runoff pathway was completed. As of the 1000 hours Ops briefing an estimated 72 yards of solids (soil) had been recovered and 180 barrels of liquid (firewater). At 1715 hours Karnes City Fire Chief declared the remaining fire within the Newpark Drilling Fluids facility was extinguished. A final round of air monitoring was completed by START; there were no readings above background observed. At approximately 1900 hours it was observed that water was passing through the underflow dams as intended due to the heavy rain in Kenedy Texas.

Kenedy Texas Emergency Response
7/5/2018

On 7/5/2018 EPA START corresponded with the PRP's representative and was told the evacuation notice is still in place for the residents impacted. The evacuation notice will be lifted by the City of Kenedy once damage at the apartment complexes and Tractor Supply Store relating to the fire has been assessed. Also during the heavy rain event on the evening of 7/4/2018 the four underflow dams held up well during the heavy rains and approximately 1000 barrels of contaminated liquid was recovered from the surface of the water within the dams.

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